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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A microporous heat insulation body comprising a compressed heat insulation material containing from 30 to 90 % by weight of a finely divided metal oxide, from 0 to 30 % by weight of an opacifier, from 0 to 10 % by weight of an inorganic fibrous material, and from 0 to 15 % by weight of an inorganic binder, characterized in that the body additionally contains from 2 to 45 % by weight of xonotlite, the heat insulation body being non-cracked as bodies being manufactured by dry-compressing.
6. (Previously presented) The microporous heat insulation body according to claim 5, characterized in that xonotlite is present in an amount of 5 to 15 % by weight.
7. (Previously presented) The microporous heat insulation body according to claim 5, characterized in that one or both surfaces have a cover of a heat-resistant material.
8. (Previously presented) The microporous heat insulation body according to claim 7, characterized in that the covers are the same or different and consist of pre-compressed xonotlite, mica, or graphite.

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9. (Previously presented) The microporous heat insulation body according to claim 7, characterized in that the cover consists of a prefabricated mica sheet on both surfaces.